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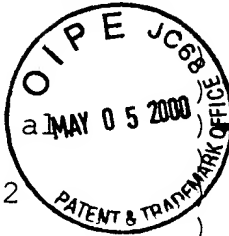
In re Application of

Sean V. TAVTIGIAN et al

Serial No. 09/434,382

Filed: 05 November 1999

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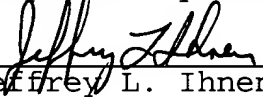
Dear Sir:

In response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) dated 06 December 1999, for which a response is submitted under separate cover, a request is hereby made for an extension of three (3) months in which to respond, extending the response period from 06 February to 06 May 2000.

The requisite extension fee amount is included in the check accompanying the response documents. Please charge or credit any discrepancies in fee to Deposit Account 02-2135. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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